

I don't understand why there is any concern about XM Radio offering local weather and traffic. First of all, these are very valuable services for their listeners. Second of all, how is this any different than what the cable TV companies do? My cable company offers weather channel forecasts for my home town. And I can see the local traffic reports on the morning talk shows which are also specific to my home town. More features on services breeds more competition, which creates innovation and allows the consumers to enjoy more for their money.

If you want to go after someone, go after the cable company. How come I can get both local and long distance phone service from several phone companies, but I have \*zero\* choice when it comes to alternate cable companies? I can also get any number of Internet service providers using the phone company's lines, but again I have \*zero\* choice if I want to get cable modem Internet access. And why does my cable bill keep going up every year? Answer those questions for me. No wait, let me do it for you: no competition for the cable company!